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Mr. Cleon B. Feight, Director
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Re: Vipont Mine

Dear Mr. Feight:

Please find enclosed answers to the letter from your department dated November 22, 1978. Also Form MR, Form 8, Commitment to Rule M-10 signed and enclosed. Thank you and Mr. Thompson for the courtesy shown me last week in your office. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas F. Miller
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1. The second portal has not been abandoned, but is used for permanent storage. There was an old mine dump started here in about 1903. Reseeding will be done on the face of the new dump. Pipe Springs Creek will be adequately cleared.
2. No problem here with the state health department. Most water that was discharged was mine drill water.
3. All steps will be taken to insure that the tailings are removed in an orderly manner as suggested.
The breach in the dike (old tailings dam) will be repaired and face feseeded.
4. a) Buildings, ponds will remain as they will be used in conjunction with the on-going livestock operations, if and when there is permanent closure. Chemicals would, of course, be removed prior to any close down.
b) This is on-going now.
c) d) Would be done as a matter of course.
5. a) 45 to 50'
b) Could be from 3 to 12 years.
c) The only disturbance at this time and in the foreseeable future would be the new (upper mine dump). As this is predominately hard rock, the face of this dump is at a slope angle of 33° average would be considered very stable. Reclamation here would be very minimal at the most. If and when additional areas need to be disturbed, i.e. for a mill, additional buildings etc., the reclamation procedures could be amended.

However, at this time any bond requirement should be non-existent or very small.

SEE MEMO OF 11/8/78
FOR THE ITEMS REFERRED TO ABOVE



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Mine: VIPONT
File No: _____

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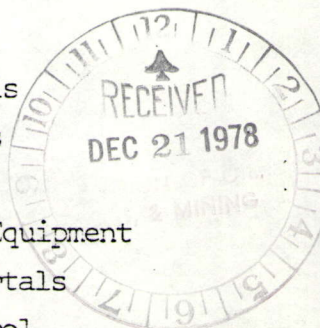
Re: Commitment to Rule M-10

Gentlemen:

I hereby commit the applicant to comply with Rule M-10, "Reclamation Standards" in its entirety, as adopted by the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining on March 22n 1978.

The applicant will achieve the reclamation standards for the following categories as outlined from Rule M-10 on all areas of the land affected by this mine, unless a variance is granted in writing by the Division.

<u>Rule</u>	<u>Category of Commitment</u>
M-10(1)	Land Use
M-10(2)	Public Safety & Welfare
M-10(3)	Impoundments
M-10(4)	Slopes
M-10(5)	Highwalls
M-10(6)	Toxic Materials
M-10(7)	Roads and Pads
M-10(8)	Drainages
M-10(9)	Structures & Equipment
M-10(10)	Shafts and Portals
M-10(11)	Sediment Control
M-10(12)	Revegetation
M-10(13)	Dams
M-10(14)	Soils



I believe a variance is justified on a site-specific basis for the following subsections of Rule M-10 for reclamation on this mine and have enclosed as an attachment to this letter a narrative statement setting forth a description of the extent of the variance request and factual reasons for said variance request.

Rule

Category of Variance Request (Narrative Attached)

STATE OF

Idaho

COUNTY OF

Cassia

I, Thomas J. Miller, having been duly sworn depose and attest that all of the representations contained in the foregoing application are true to the best of my knowledge; that I am authorized to complete and file this application on behalf of the Applicant and this application has been executed as required by law.

Signed:

Thomas Miller

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me the undersigned authority in my said county, this 19th day of December, 19 78.

Notary Public:

Alta Hunter

My Commission Expires:

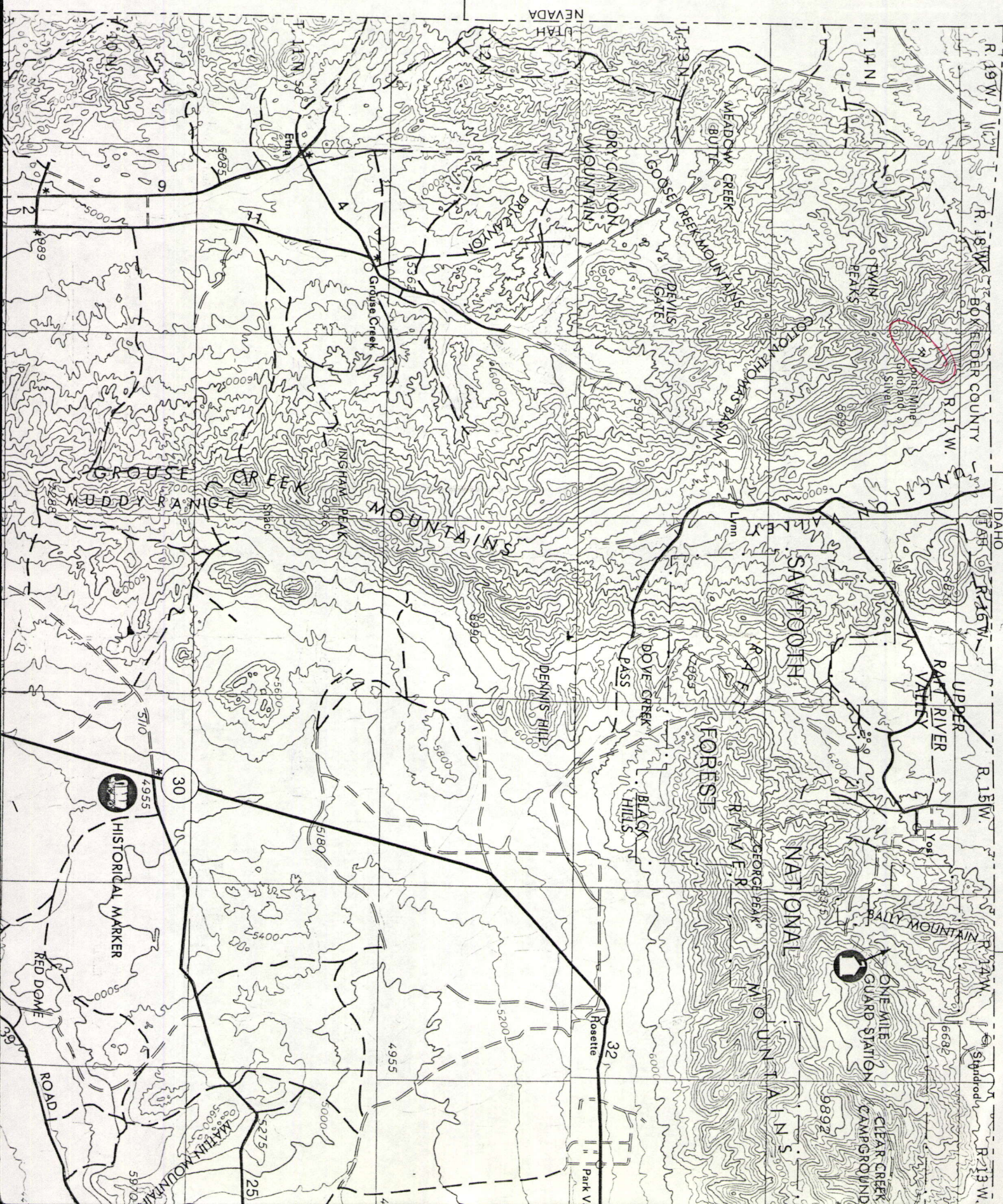
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